

**Bright from the Start - Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 2/12/2026 **VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring**Arrival:** 1:45PM**Departure:** 3:45PM**EX-48795 EXMT-14200 EX-1 - Government
DeKalb County Schools ASED - Woodridge**4120 Cedar Ridge Trail, Stone Mountain GA 30083
DeKalb County**Mailing Address**

Same

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Joint with:

Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
2/12/2026	EX-CAPS-Monitoring	Prevention	Prevention Level 1 (P1)	Intermediate Level 1 (I1)	Dismissal (D)
			Technical Assistance	Corrective Action Plan	Dismissal
				Office Conference	Disqualification
			Prevention Level 2 (P2)	Intermediate Level 2 (I2)	
			Citation	Fine (Level 1 or 2)	
			Plan of Improvement		
			Prevention Level 3 (P3)	Intermediate Level 3 (I3)	

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
Black Top/ Grassy Area		0	0	Y	
Cafeteria - All Grades	, Fives, Six and older	2	12	Y	
Computer Lab		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 2

#Children Count: 12

Comments:

The child care program is in compliance with the exemption category.

Please refer to the Exemption page of the website, <https://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/Exemptions.aspx> for information regarding Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the user id for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific standard number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the standard citation, and upload supporting documentation.
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

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The following information is associated with a EX-CAPS-Monitoring:**Activities and Equipment****EX-HS-.A Activities****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.A - Activities observed to be appropriate and safe for children in care.

EX-HS-.F Equipment & Toys**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.F - The equipment and furniture observed to be properly used, secured and did not pose a hazard.

EX-HS-.Q Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CS)**N/A****Comment**

EX-HS-.Q - The Program does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records**EX-HS-.C Children's Records****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.C - Observed children's files as required.

Exemptions**EX-HS-.X Exemption Requirements****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.X - Program operating as approved.

Facility**EX-HS-.B Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.B - Program observed to have adequate toilets, sinks and supplies available.

EX-HS-.L Physical Plant(CS)**Not Met****Finding**

EX-HS-.L(2) requires the Program to be in compliance with applicable laws and regulations issued by the state fire marshal, the proper local fire marshal or state inspector, including a certificate of occupancy if required prior to receiving any children for care. It was determined based on a review of records, the last fire inspection was conducted September 11, 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will obtain appropriate approvals, and ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations by the state fire marshal, proper local fire marshal or state inspector, including a certificate of occupancy, are maintained and met.

EX-HS-.M Playgrounds(CS) **N/A****Comment**

EX-HS-.M - No playground provided.

Health and Hygiene

EX-HS-.U Diapering Areas & Practices(CS) **N/A****Comment**

EX-HS-.U - No diapered children enrolled

EX-HS-.H Hygiene **Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.H - Hand washing was not observed during the visit but proper hand washing rules were discussed.

EX-HS-.I Medications(CS) **N/A****Comment**

EX-HS-.I - Medication is not dispensed.

Policies and Procedures

EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures **Not Met****Finding**

EX-HS-.J(2) requires programs to conduct drills for fire, tornado, severe weather, loss of electrical power or water and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Program; to have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The program shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records, the program does not conduct drills as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The program will conduct the drills as required and maintain the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026**Finding**

EX-HS-.J(3) requires the program to provide to Parents a copy of the Program's written policies and procedures. It was determined based on a review of records, the program does not provide the parents with a written policies and procedures handbook.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The program will provide parents a copy of the policies and procedures as part of the enrollment process.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting **Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.T - The program has not had any incidents that required reporting.

Safety

EX-HS-.E Discipline(CS) **Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.E - Observed appropriate discipline on this date.

EX-HS-.S Field Trips **N/A****Comment**

EX-HS-.S - No field trips are conducted at the program.

EX-HS-.R Transportation(CS) **N/A****Comment**

EX-HS-.R - Program does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

EX-HS-.V - No safe sleep policies are necessary.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 6****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5**

Staff # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours

Staff # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours

Staff # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours

Staff # 4 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours

Staff # 6 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours

EX-HS-.D Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CS)**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.D - Observed evidence of Criminal records check.

EX-HS-.G First Aid & CPR(CS)**Not Met****Finding**

EX-HS.G(1)(a-b) requires (a) all Staff who provide direct care to children must obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the program's premises. The hours obtained completing this certification will not count towards the required annual training hours; (b) The training must be done by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. It was determined based on a review of records, five of five staff members had completed CPR and Pediatric First Aid training; however, the training was completed electronically.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure all Staff that provide direct care to children obtain pediatric CPR and first aid training within the first 45 days of employment. The training shall be maintained on the Program's premises and must be completed by a certified or licensed health care professional or trainer that deal with the provisions of emergency care to infants and children. develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and pediatric CPR training present, and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and pediatric CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026**EX-HS-.K Personnel Records****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.K - Observed personal records maintained.

Comment

EX-HS-.N - Observed a director or person responsible for overall supervision of the program.

EX-HS-.P Staff Training**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.P(1) - Ensure that the completion of the Initial Orientation is thoroughly documented for each employee to maintain accurate onboarding records..

Staffing and Supervision

EX-HS-.O Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision(CS)**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.O - Adequate supervision observed on this date.